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Washington, DC 20231

OFGS File No. : P/2613-41  
Inventor : Michael Lax et al.  
Title : CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

- ☒ Print EFS Data Sheet
- ☒ 57 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- ☒ 81 Numbered Claims Calculated as 81 Claims for Fee Purposes
- ☒ 59 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 60
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (Unsigned)
- ☒ Petition to Make Special and Check No. 4696 For \$130.00
- ☒ Declaration by Richard LaCava
- ☒ Declaration by Michael Lax
- ☒ Priority is Claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119
- Convention Date March 29, 2001 for U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. [Atty.Docket No. P/2613-36]
- Convention Date July 31, 2000 for U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. 60/221,953.
- ☒ Small Entity Status is claimed.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 and enclosures therein
- ☒ Return-Addressed Post Card

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102**

Sir:

Applicants petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.102 and M.P.E.P. §708.02 II, to make the attached application entitled **CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK** special so that said application can be examined out of turn. The basis for this petition is the presence of an actual infringing product on the market which infringes at least one of the claims in the application. The infringing product is described in a competitor's marketing brochure which indicates that the product will be made available by Autumn 2001.

Enclosed please find:

1. A declaration by an inventor of the above-referenced application, Michael Lax, indicating that there is at least one device or product on the market ("infringing product") that Mr. Lax believes infringes at least some of the claims in the application. This Declaration also indicates that Mr. Lax has good knowledge of the pertinent prior art relating to the claimed subject matter.

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2. A declaration by Richard LaCava, one of applicant's attorneys, indicating that a rigid comparison has been made between the above-referenced alleged infringing product and the claims of the application and that, in Mr. LaCava's opinion, at least some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.

3. A submission including one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims in the application.

4. The fee of \$130.00 for filing this petition required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

In light of the above, granting of this Petition to Make Special is respectfully requested.

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